Clarifications Regarding Pre-maturity

As of June 15, 2002, extreme pre-maturity is no longer an established risk.

Except when an infant is a University of Louisville or University of Kentucky Neo-natal Follow-up Clinic patient and is referred by a university follow-up clinic staff member, an infant will be considered eligible if he/she:

- a. has been diagnosed by a physician to have a condition that is on the current Established Risk List, or
- b. is significantly behind in developmental norms per a primary level evaluation or, if indicated, a record review or ILE.

Until further notice, if a child is a patient in the University of Louisville or University of Kentucky Neo-natal Follow-up Clinic and the Clinic refers the child to First Steps for services, the child will be considered eligible. Clinic recommendations for treatment will be honored *with the approval* of the IFSP team.

NOTE

Any referral received on or after August 1, 2002 must follow the above directive.

Any referral received prior to August 1, 2002 may follow the Best Practice Guidelines related to pre-maturity (Rev 5-2000) found in the Evaluation and Eligibility section of the First Steps Policies and Procedure Manual.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact your <u>technical assistant program consultant</u>. If and/or when any change to this directive is made, you will be notified immediately.